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SOME FOOL TALK

EASTERN PAPERS PUBLISH-
ING AN ALLFED
INTERVIEW

REGARDING AN AWFUL DROUGHT

Started in Topeka and Credited
to State Forestry Com-
missioner.

There is a piece now running in the eastern papers that illustrates the manner in which Kansas gets a lot of damaging advertising. It started with a little fool talk worked over into an interview and printed in a Topeka paper. The piece was given as an interview with the state forestry commissioner, H. E. Beaubien, and from it an eastern reader would naturally suppose that Kansas is in the throes of one of the greatest droughts in her history. The forestry here is a state institution and Mr. Beaubien is a state officer. Under these circumstances a great deal of weight has been given to the alleged interview. It has been published from paper to paper as a statement of the awful conditions in Kansas and particularly in Ford county. The statements are not only untrue, but they are also absolutely silly. The alleged interview begins with the statement that "it is so dry in Ford county now that I dare not uncover one of the seeds I have planted." This was published on June 20 and June 21 in different Kansas papers. On June 17 Ford county was deluged with two and a half inches of rain-fall. A week before this on June 11 there was a rain-fall here of .67 of an inch. The same papers which published the alleged interview with Mr. Beaubien, reported these big rains in Ford county,

and at about the same time big rainfalls in most parts of Kansas and splendid crop prospects. There was no truth in the dry weather statement any more than in the intimation that the forestry commissioner in ordinary weather made a practice of uncovering the seeds he had planted, to watch the progress of growth. The alleged interview continues "The ground on a part of the state farm is so dry that the soil has blown away from the seeds and the trees which I expected to raise probably will be coming up in Kiowa and Pratt counties where they have been blown by the strong west winds."

In sight of the state farm from whence this interview is alleged to come, at the time when it appeared in the papers, hundreds of bushels of cherries were being picked from trees that had been set out upon a hill and had never during their growth been touched by water except that which fell from the clouds. Looking in another direction from the state farm, another upland farm is in view where maple trees were making a nice growth from seed planted this spring and watered only from the clouds.

People generally, in Ford county claim that this year has been a good one for tree growth. Over the greater part of the county there is a splendid wheat crop and the headers are working overtime to gather in this new made wealth. Farmers are buying adjoining farms at good prices and refusing to sell their farms at any price.

And yet this alleged interview is being published broadcast over the east, backed by the weight it naturally gets as coming from a state officer.

Possibly Mr. Beaubien did not make the statements accredited to him. It does not look reasonable that any man would start out such a blighting report against Ford county and Kansas, to be greedily picked up and handed on by the eastern papers. But as yet, Mr. Beaubien has published no denial of it, and it continues on its way from paper to paper, giving the country a black eye.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets
All druggists refund the money if it fails
to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on
each box. 25c.

BRIDGE IS ACCEPTED

Said to be Best Steel Bridge Which
Spans Arkansas River

A "golden" spike was driven in the Arkansas river bridge this afternoon by Nio Mayrath, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and the bridge was formally accepted by the board for the county. This new bridge is a notable structure for the reason that it is the best wagon bridge which crosses the Arkansas river. It is a six span bridge, eighty-five feet to the span, supported by two concrete abutments, and five cylinder piers. Its roadway is twenty feet wide and the bridge has a supporting capacity which will be equal to the test of a procession of steam engines. The bridge was built by the Kansas City Bridge Company, the contract price being \$20,997. Mr. Maltland however, used some of the lumber of the old bridge, which brought the cost to the county down to \$19,987. The bridge company has certainly made good in fulfilling its contract in every particular. In the matter of concrete with which the piers are filled, a large amount more cement was used than the contract called for. County Clerk Connaway, who was appointed by the board to oversee the building of the bridge, inspected every bit of the work from beginning to end, and he knows every inch of the bridge. The work was completed in about three months, and it will have been in use a month when the time limit by the contract, for its completion expires.

The Arkansas river bridge has been a troublesome question. Every board of county commissioners has had to expend large sums in repairing the old bridge. Nearly every year, too, when the spring floods come down the river, the bridge was unsafe, and at times there was great danger of it being washed away. The building of a steel bridge is a big undertaking, and while it has been generally conceded that it would be cheaper to build a good bridge than to be continually spending big sums for repairs, the members of the board have naturally hesitated in shouldering the responsibility. The present board, Nio Mayrath, A. Russell and W. C. Dancker decided that it would be wasting money to continue repairing the old bridge. After they had determined to build a new one they went about it right. The board and the county clerk made a study of bridges, visiting places where large ones had been built. They got figures from other county boards on bridges built, and by the time bids for the contract were received they knew just what they wanted and what it ought to cost. The bid of the Kansas City Bridge Company was not only the lowest bid received but it was several thousand dollars below most of them. Some of the bridge company representatives declared that such a bridge could not be built for \$25,000.

PLAY BALL!

Larned Team Will Be Here to Play
Tomorrow

The Larned base ball team is billed to play at the park here tomorrow, Friday, June 29. The team was organized a few weeks ago and it is said to be playing a pretty fast game.

Dodge City has the best team in the western part of the state and it is ready to "eat 'em alive" as fast as they come.

Get ready to see a good game tomorrow and follow the crowd to the park. Game will be called at 3.30.

Dissolution Notice.

The partnership existing between H. J. Strange and George T. Martin as the firm of Strange & Martin is this day dissolved by mutual consent, George T. Martin buying the interest and good will of H. J. Strange, and assumes all liabilities and collects all accounts due said firm of Strange & Martin.

H. J. STRANGE
GEO. T. MARTIN

FORMERLY LIVED HERE

After Shooting Wife and Sister-in-Law
W. F. Kitting Out His Throat

W. F. Kitting, formerly of Dodge City, and at one time a clerk in the Bee Hive store here, shot his wife and sister-in-law, and cut his own throat, in Los Angeles last Thursday. Kitting and his wife were well known in Dodge City. The sister-in-law who was shot was Mrs. Jack O'Day, who also lived here. Mrs. Kitting had separated from her husband and so had Mrs. O'Day. The two women as the time of the tragedy were living together in an apartment house at No. 128 East 32nd street, Los Angeles.

At about 1 o'clock last Thursday morning Kitting went to his wife's room, and quarrelled with her. Mrs. O'Day, who was in an adjoining room tried to telephone for the police but was prevented from doing so by Kitting. Both women ran from the rooms and started down stairs, Kitting following, shooting at them. Mrs. O'Day was shot through the shoulder, and probably fatally injured. Mrs. Kitting was shot in the wrist and in the back of the head. The latter wound is a dangerous one and may prove fatal.

After shooting the two women, Kitting ran down stairs, running over their bodies. On the lower floor he went into a vacant room and with a knife he carried, cut his throat. It was believed that he had escaped and his body was not found until the following day.

Mrs. Kitting had two sons, the oldest 15 years of age, and Mrs. O'Day a six-year-old son, who were in the house and witnessed the tragedy.

Kitting was 42 years old, and of late years had been working at the carpenter's trade. His wife left him two years ago on account of his cruel treatment, her friends claim. She had been living in San Francisco up to the time of the earthquake, when she went to Los Angeles and with her sister Mrs. O'Day, rented the rooms where the awful affair of last Thursday took place.

FOURTH OF JULY

Don't Forget the Program at the
Dodge City Park.

Next Wednesday will be the Fourth of July and a national holiday. There will be no regular celebration here but the Driving Park association will give an interesting program at the park. The racing program has been published and no doubt everyone will want to see it.

Mr. Hanna of Kinsley has written the Driving Park people that he will be here with his fine horse, "Bay Ben" 2154, and will enter him in the races. There are a number of good horses here for the occasion.

In addition to the racing program there will be a ball game. Everybody come to the park.

Dedication.

The Hugoton Methodist Episcopal church at Hugoton, Stevens county, Southwest Kansas conference, will be dedicated July 8, 1906. Elder W. J. Martindale of Wichita, accompanied by evangelist J. W. Anderson, will conduct the services. All are invited to come and enjoy a spiritual feast and basket dinner. The services will consist of music, sermon, report of building committee, dedicatory ceremonies, etc. It will be a new thing in Stevens county and forecasts a new era in her history. Don't forget the date. All former and neighboring pastors are invited to be present.

THOMAS BARKLEY PARAMORE,
Pastor

Notice.

The regular teachers' examination will be held on June 29th and 30th at the Third ward school building, beginning at 7:30 p. m. F. C. WOODBURY,
County Supt.

GOOD INVESTMENTS in WESTERN LAND

FOR SALE BY

L. L. TAYLOR & CO.

Dodge City, Kansas.

We submit for your inspection a few Ford county farms, that we can offer you at the prices quoted for a short time. We furnish abstracts showing good title and warranty deed to all lands offered for sale. We have given a careful personal inspection to all our lands and know that they are well worth the price asked for them.

(1) 320 acre farm, four miles south of Howell, part sandy land, 100 acres in wheat, part goes with the place, 20 acres in alfalfa, 90 acres plowed for Fall wheat, a bargain at \$10.00 per acre. Terms of payment easy.

(2) 160 acre farm, enclosed in good three wire fence, sixty acres in cultivation, forty acres in wheat, one fourth goes with the place, three hundred peach trees, two story frame house, good well forty feet deep. On this farm is good machinery enough to farm a section of land and in the house there are two good stoves, tables, dishes, beds and everything needed for house keeping. All the machinery and household goods goes with the place at \$1800.00. Terms of payment if desired.

(3) 960 acres all fenced and cross fenced, good farm improvements, wells etc., with 200 acres in cultivation four miles to market at \$10.00 per acre.

(4) 2080 acre ranch, with 1800 acres of level land, 800 acres in cultivation, four good farm houses on the place all in good repair, four wells, mills, tanks, etc., fenced and cross fenced, four miles to market on the Santa Fe R. R. This is the best ranch for the money in western Kansas and terms of payment can be arranged if desired. Price \$13.50 per acre.

(5) 320 acre farm, seven miles from Dodge City, all level, near school, 80 acres of the best wheat in the county, one fourth goes to the purchaser. Price \$4500.00.

(6) 160 acres unimproved, all level, half mile to school, three miles to market. Price \$1800.00.

(7) 460 acre alfalfa farm, 260 acres in cultivation, good five room house, barn for ten horses, good well, 28 ft. deep, mill, tank, etc. Price \$12.50 per acre.

(8) 320 acre farm, unimproved, three miles from Dodge City, cheap at \$12.50 per acre.

(9) 640 acres of raw land, fenced, good well, most all level. Price \$10.00 per acre. Easy terms of payment.

(10) A good little farm of 120 acres within 2 miles of Dodge City, part rolling, but every acre can be farmed, is shallow to water and alfalfa is growing on land joining it on the south and north. This will make an ideal farm home. Price \$15.00 per acre. Half cash and balance on term to suit the purchaser at 6 per cent interest.

(11) 3,200 acre ranch, fenced, most all level, near Syracuse, Hamilton county, half cash, balance 6 per cent interest. Price \$5.00 per acre.

This fine ranch of 650 acres for Sale



(12) On account of sudden sickness we will sell cheap this number ONE ranch, consisting of 650 acres, river front, 50 acres of growing alfalfa, 160 acres of good hay meadow, plenty of timber and shelter for stock, probably 150,000 trees of different kind, which furnishes fuel and posts, place is well fenced and cross-fenced, good farm house, barns and other buildings, three wells, only one and one-fourth miles to R. R. station where there is a good market for all grain. Good school, church and telephone connections. Price \$20.00 per acre, no incumbrance. Will give abstracts and warranty deed. Terms are half cash and good terms on balance. Will also sell stock on the place, consisting of 160 head of high grade Red Short-horn and Red-polled cattle, also horses and colts numbering about 17 head, machinery, etc. This is a paying ranch. If you see it you will want it. Price \$20. per acre.

This is only a partial list of the land we have for sale and if we have mentioned nothing that suits you, let us know what you want and you will receive prompt attention. There is a great deal of land being sold now to actual settlers and the steady demand will cause the price to advance.

We have helped many people to find good investments and will be glad to help you.

L. L. Taylor & Co.
Rooms 1, 2, 3 Gwinner Building
DODGE CITY, KANSAS.

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A fresh stock constantly on hand. We also carry.

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AT THE BEE HIVE

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

4th of JULY SPECIAL

TRIMMED HATS

At less than one-half Price

We want to sell every trimmed hat in the house by July 4th, and in order to do this we quote all trimmed hats at the following

SLAUGHTER PRICES

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Hats 50c
\$1.50 and \$1.75 Hats 95c
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Hats \$1.25
\$3.25 to \$3.75 Hats \$1.50
\$4.00 to \$5.00 Hats \$2.00
\$6.00 to \$7.50 Hats \$2.50
\$9.00 to \$15.00 Hats \$5.00

Remember every trimmed hat goes in this sale, none reserved. Sale begins **Saturday, June 30th** at 8 o'clock. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity to secure up-to-date head wear at less than cost.

Respectfully,

GEO. T. MARTIN, Prop.
DODGE CITY, KANSAS

Announcement

We wish to announce to our many friends that we will close our place of business at 10 o'clock the morning of JULY 4th and will remain closed the entire day. Kindly arrange to do your trading before that hour.

Sincerely yours,

MARTIN BROS.

PURITY ICE CREAM

We call this PURITY ICE CREAM because it is made from Pure Cream alone with no starch, crystal flake or other ingredients commonly used to make ice cream stand up. This makes Purity Ice Cream the best you ever tasted.

Served at our Soda
Fountain.

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PALACE DRUG STORE

We have a good line of Base Ball Goods. All prices Boys' Bats, Balls and Gloves as well as the regulation goods for regular teams. Spalding Goods are always satisfactory. We have also Croquet sets, new and good ones.

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